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Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Bozorgmehr Ziaran (Iran, Islamic Republic of)

United Nations/International Maritime Organization Conference of Plenipotentiaries on a Draft Convention on Maritime Liens and Mortgages

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the importance of the subject of maritime liens and mortgages in ship financing and in the development of national merchant fleets,

Emphasizing the need for international uniformity and for the establishment of a widely acceptable international legal instrument governing the subject of maritime liens and mortgages,

Recognizing the desirability of facilitating the harmonious and orderly development of world trade,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and to the International Maritime Organization for the valuable work done in preparing a draft convention on maritime liens and mortgages;

2. Decides that a United Nations/International Maritime Organization Conference of Plenipotentiaries on a Draft Convention on Maritime Liens and Mortgages shall be convened at Geneva during the first half of 1993 for a period of three weeks to consider the draft convention and to embody the results of its work in a convention on maritime liens and mortgages;

3. Decides that the following shall be invited:

(a) All States, to participate in the Conference;

(b) All members of the International Maritime Organization, to participate in the Conference;

(c) Representatives of organizations that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the capacity of observers, in the sessions and the work of all international conferences convened under its auspices; these representatives would participate in the Conference in that capacity, in accordance with Assembly resolution 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974;

(d) Representatives of the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity in its region; these representatives would participate in the Conference in the capacity of observers, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974;

(e) The specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, as well as interested organs of the United Nations, which should be represented by observers at the Conference;

(f) Intergovernmental bodies in consultative status with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the International Maritime Organization, which should be represented by observers at the Conference;

(g) Directly concerned non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the International Maritime Organization, which should be represented by observers at the Conference;

4. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization to make the necessary arrangements, within existing resources, for holding the Conference at Geneva, to submit to the Conference all relevant documentation, including the rules of procedure of the Conference, and to arrange for the necessary staff, facilities and services that it will require;

5. Decides that the languages of the Conference shall be those used in the General Assembly and its Main Committees.